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TAGS: PGOV, AORG, CH

SUBJECT: TFCH03: GUIDANCE ON JULY FOURTH RECEPTION AND
EMBASSY OPERATIONS

REF: A. BEIJING 15945 B. BEIJING 16037 C. BEIJING 16137
D. GUANGZHOU 3684

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. DEPARTMENT DEFERS TO THE AMBASSADOR ON WHETHER OR
NOT TO HOLD A NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION. THE CONSULATES
SHOULD FOLLOW THE EMBASSY'S LEAD ON THIS. WE ALSO LEAVE
IT TO THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATES TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF
EVENT IS SUITABLE FOR AMERICANS IN THEIR DISTRICTS TO
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS.

3. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH THE EMBASSY DECISION TO
DISCONTINUE 24-HOUR OPERATIONS, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT
A RAPID REESTABLISHMENT OF THESE OPERATIONS MAY BE
NECESSARY IF THE SITUATION DETERIORATES. EMBASSY,
HOWEVER, SHOULD REMAIN IN A HEIGHTENED STATE OF
READINESS TO MEET URGENT AFTER-HOUR REQUIREMENTS,
PARTICULARLY AS THEY RELATE TO AMERICAN CITIZEN

SERVICES. THE TASK FORCE IN THE DEPARTMENT WILL
CONTINUE FOR THE TIME BEING. WE WILL INFORM YOU
IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGE IN THIS STATUS.

4. DEPARTMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER US AGENCIES,
IS STILL DEVELOPING GUIDANCE ON OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED
IN REFS A AND C. WE HOPE TO HAVE ANSWERS FOR YOU SOON. BAKER